

took place from 1995 to 2000 as well as a summary of the results of the 2000 hunting season. Information from the most recent breeding season and wintering populations surveys is also included in the new Environmental Assessment. Three alternatives were considered to address the future of operational and experimental swan hunting seasons in Utah, Nevada and Montana. The issuance of a new Environmental Assessment was prompted by controversy over current management and the need to incorporate experience from the 2000 hunting season and the results of recent population surveys. There were also many requests from individuals, States, and various conservation organizations for a thorough examination of alternatives for swan hunting in the Pacific Flyway in light of continuing concerns for the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans. The Environmental Assessment focuses on the issue of whether or not to establish an operational approach for swan hunting. Related efforts to address population status and distributional concerns regarding the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans are also discussed. Three alternatives, including the proposed action, were considered.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

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*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission Goals and Purposes: Policy: Reopening of Comment Period: Draft Policy on National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Draft Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Draft Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Draft Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice)**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; further reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001, that

invites the public to comment on the following draft policies: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

**DATES:** The comment period will reopen on June 18 and close midnight, June 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in the following ways: in writing to Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; by FAX to (703) 358-2248; or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Mission And Goals Policy

Comments@fws.gov;

Appropriate

Uses

Policy\_Comments@fws.gov;

Wildlife\_Dependent

Recreational\_Uses

Policy\_Comments@fws.gov; or

Wilderness\_Policy\_Comments@fws.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barry Stieglitz, Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System (703) 358-1744.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3668) we published draft policies for: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice). These policies, affecting management and use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, represent the culmination of our initial policy development in response to the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

In a subsequent **Federal Register** notice dated March 15, 2001 (66 FR 15136) we extended the comment period until April 19, 2001, to ensure that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policies.

To allow for continued discussion with the States on these policies, we

reopened the comment period for an additional 30 days in a **Federal Register** notice dated May 15, 2001 (66 FR 26879). As a correction to the May 15, 2001, notice, comments received between April 19, 2001, and May 15, 2001, will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

To allow for further discussion with the States on these policies, we are extending the comment period until June 30, 2001.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

**Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Locations and Dates of Public Hearings for Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the draft EIS and announcement of locations and dates of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS announces the availability of the draft EIS on Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, California. This draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with drilling 4 or 5 separate Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas delineation wells on existing OCS leases located offshore southern California. Delineation is a type of exploration drilling activity that involves drilling a well to gather additional information about the nature and extent of the hydrocarbon reservoirs in areas where a discovery has already been made.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted until August 13, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions concerning the draft EIS should be directed to Mr. Maurice Hill, Minerals Management Service, Office of Environmental Evaluation, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064. He may be reached by telephone at (805) 389-7815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this document is to provide information for Federal, State, and local agencies, and the public to evaluate the effects of the proposed delineation